



## AUTUMN 2016 NEWSLETTER



### Dates for your diary

**SUNDAY 23RD APRIL 2017**

**NARCH Education Seminar** at the Renaissance Hotel, Manchester, worth 7 Hours CPD. Make sure you save the date

**HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR TICKET FOR THE NARCH EDUCATION SEMINAR AND AGM on October 16th 2016?**



Don't delay, buy your ticket today and gain 7 hours CPD for attending

**Date:** Sunday 16th October 2016

**Time:** 09:00 –16:30 hours

**Venue:** Holiday Inn, Guildford GU2 7XZ

Everyone is welcome to attend. We use Paypal for ticket sales but you do not need a Paypal account to pay and can use

a debit or credit card to complete payment.

Scheduled talks:

- Amazing Dogs. Transforming Lives. The work of Canine Partners, an assistance dog charity

Speaker: Jane Grant, Canine Partners Community Fundraiser (South)

- From Diagnosis to Rehabilitation with Orthotics – giving an overall picture of diagnostics, treatment and rehabilitation

Speaker: Christoffer Diehl, CPO, CEO & President Scandi Orthopedic AB, Certified Prosthetics and Orthotics

- Canine Pool Operational Problems

Speaker: Allen J Wilson, Health and Safety Consultant, Studies In Work Ltd

- An Update on Cruciate Disease in Dogs

Speaker: Angus Anderson BVetMed PhD DSAS(Orth) MRCVS , Partner, Anderson Abercromby Referrals

For the full program please visit the event on our facebook page

TICKETS : NARCH MEMBERS : £70.00 GUESTS: £90.00

Paypal ticket sales close at 5 pm on Wednesday 12th October

## NARCH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – VACANCIES



We have vacancies on the NARCH Management Committee and would love to hear from anyone who would like to join and contribute to the future of NARCH. You will need to be an RCH (or have relevant experience) and be prepared to attend committee meetings on average 4–6 times a year, plus attend education seminars and the AGM. If you would like to know more, please contact Nicky Kohn,

NARCH Administrator. Email to [enquiries@narch.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@narch.org.uk) providing a copy of your up to date CV, highlighting any particular areas of expertise that you have acquired.

## CPD – the clock has been ticking since 1st January 2016 – are you on track?

Some of you may have already found out that the new NARCH IT system will

automatically suspend a RCH if certain key elements of your record are incorrect or out of date.

If you do not have 20 hours CPD validated on your record by 31st December 2016 the system will AUTOMATICALLY suspend you. If this happens it may take five days or more to be reinstated once you have uploaded the necessary CPD documents.



If you are in any doubt or require assistance about how to obtain CPD hours, please contact Nicky Kohn, NARCH Administrator [enquiries@narch.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@narch.org.uk)

In this edition, we cover the important issue of animals in cars. The article has been produced by Cliverton, who act for many RCHs. To reflect the high standards maintained through NARCH registration, we are pleased to advise that we have negotiated a premium discount with Cliverton applicable to NARCH members.



## Article No 2: Animals in cars

An RAC Pet Insurance study\* has revealed that “More than one in four dog-owning motorists may unwittingly be breaking the law when it comes to transporting their pets by not keeping them restrained when their vehicles are on the road..... 4% of pet owners have had an accident, or near miss, as a result of a cat or dog being loose in their car.....whilst the majority agree that it is a hazard to allow a dog to be loose in a vehicle, 28% said they would let their dog move freely, even in a vehicle full of luggage. Also of concern is that 21% usually leave their dogs unsecured on car seats while 6% let them travel in passenger footwells.....96% of cat-owning motorists said they would never consider letting their cat loose in the vehicle.”

A Spokesman said “As a nation of dog and cat lovers it is surprising that we seem to give so little consideration to their safety when they are transported in vehicles. Unsecured pets in moving vehicles are a real danger, not only to the driver and passengers, but to themselves in the event of an accident or if the driver has to brake suddenly.

While pet owners may feel they know how their dog behaves in the car, nobody can predict what might happen round the next corner or how a dog would react in or after an accident. The best way to ensure the safety and security of everybody in a vehicle when travelling with a pet is to make sure it is properly restrained.”

According to the Highway Code Rule 57 “When in a vehicle make sure dogs or other animals are suitably restrained so they cannot distract you while you are driving or injure you, or themselves, if you stop quickly. A seat belt harness, pet carrier, dog cage or dog guard are ways of restraining animals in cars.”

Under the Road Traffic Act 1988 “failure of a person to observe any provision of the Highway Code shall not render the person liable to criminal proceedings of any kind but such a failure may in any proceedings (whether civil or criminal) be relied upon by any party to the proceedings as tending to establish or negative any liability which is in question in those proceedings.”

Your pet should preferably travel in a container which meets particular standards. A cat or very small dog should always travel in a container, and the container should be placed where it:

- cannot move when you accelerate, brake and go round corners;
- is easy to get to; and
- is not exposed to strong sunlight or cold drafts.

If your dog travels loose in the vehicle, it should not be able to escape through any window. When windows need to be left open, we suggest you use 'window guards' to prevent the animal escaping.

If the dog is travelling in the luggage compartment of an estate car or hatchback, you should fit a secure dog-guard, and the floor should have a non-slip surface.

Providing ventilation at all times is essential – both when the vehicle is moving, and even more so when it is not moving – particularly in hot or sunny conditions.”

\*Research carried out on [www.rac.co.uk](http://www.rac.co.uk) among 1,622 UK residents between November 2013 and January 2014.

If you require additional information or assistance, please feel free to contact Cliverton for advice on 01328 857921.

## Are you an Employer?



If so, please ensure you have read Section 10.0 of the NARCH Guide to Professional Conduct. There are 7 clauses outlining your responsibilities, but specifically, clause (f) requires you to immediately notify NARCH if an RCH has left your employment. This information enables NARCH to check and amend the RCH's personal NARCH record. Failure to advise NARCH could mean that a former employee incorrectly remains on the NARCH register, relying upon the benefit of your Professional Indemnity insurance and Public Liability insurance.

## HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR ADVANCED WATER TREADMILL TRAINING?



As advised in our Spring and Summer Newsletters, we have revised the training requirements for RCHs who operate, or intend to operate, a water treadmill. We want to ensure everyone offering this method of hydrotherapy treatment has completed recognised national qualification modules and this must be completed by 31st December 2016 for existing RCHs. If you are in any doubt regarding these new training guidelines please send an email with your questions to Nicky Kohn, NARCH Administrator, [enquiries@narch.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@narch.org.uk) To summarise:

Existing RCHs have until 31st December 2016 to upgrade:

Where the RCH already operates or intends to operate a water treadmill, they will be required by NARCH to achieve the following qualification modules:

K/505/3147 – Advanced hydrotherapy treadmill treatment for small animals

T/505/3149 – Practical application of advanced hydrotherapy treadmill treatment techniques for small animals

From 1st April 2016 for NEW applicants for NARCH registration:

Any new registration with NARCH, where the applicant operates or intends to operate a water treadmill, will be required by NARCH to have completed the required 29 credits at Level 3 for the Certificate in Hydrotherapy for Small Animals, plus the water treadmill modules which are currently included as optional modules towards the ABC Awards Diploma in Hydrotherapy for Small Animals. The applicant is not required to hold a Diploma in Hydrotherapy for Small Animals.

The required water treadmill modules are:

T/504/6475 – Hydrotherapy treadmill for small animals

K/505/3147 – Advanced hydrotherapy treadmill treatment for small animals

T/505/3149 – Practical application of advanced hydrotherapy treadmill treatment techniques for small animals

Please note that some training centres have their own course titles which may differ from those stated above. Therefore it is important for you to understand that courses must satisfy the learning outcomes required by these three modules and NARCH will require evidence of attainment to be uploaded onto RCHs individual training records.

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[Updating your insurance certificates](#)

We hope that you are finding the new IT system easier to navigate and that you have found uploading documents to be easier and problem free. We have noticed however, that some of you are still a little confused about the various Insurance headings that appear under your record.

To clarify, if you have both Professional Indemnity and Public Liability insurances covered by the same Insurer under one combined policy with the same renewal date, you must upload your certificate of insurance under the Combined Insurance heading.

However, if you have policies with separate renewal dates for your Professional Indemnity and Public Liability insurances, you must upload the relevant certificate under the corresponding separate insurance heading.

And remember, NARCH do NOT require evidence of your Employers Liability Certificate.

## USE OF THE NARCH LOGO

The NARCH logo should be used to signify that you are a Registered Canine Hydrotherapist (RCH). Please do NOT use the NARCH logo on your website/social media pages/printed material/signage in association with such words as "approved" or "recognised" by NARCH. This is potentially misleading to the reader.



## Disinfection matters...



The purpose of adding chlorine or bromine to pool water is disinfection – which translated means to "free from infection". The objective of disinfection is to remove harmful bacteria from the pool water, filtration and circulation equipment and prevent the transmission of disease.

However we also have to take into account chloramines which are a combination of 'used' chlorine and organic compounds. Ideally the level should be zero.

We calculate chloramines as follows:

$$\text{Total Chlorine} - \text{Free Chlorine} = \text{Combined Chlorine (Chloramines)}$$

Free chlorine readings can be taken using a DPD1 tablet dissolved into a measured amount of pool water. A DPD3 tablet is then added to the solution, allowed to react and a total chlorine reading can be taken using either a photometer or comparator.

If the chloramine level is too high the pool will need to be either diluted by adding water or shocked i.e. shock chlorine added to ensure free chlorine level increases by at least 10ppm (parts per million). Shock treatment or "superchlorination" is the practice of adding chlorine to pools to destroy ammonia and the organic compounds that combine to make chloramines. The pool should be left unused overnight once it has been shocked and chlorine levels rechecked in the morning before opening the pool.

The Pool Water Treatment Advisory Group (PWTAG) provides detailed explanations and information on disinfection, pool chemistry, risk assessment and other issues relevant to swimming pool operation and can be found at [www.pwtag.org](http://www.pwtag.org)

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